

Amendments to th Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (previously presented) An input/output device interface for a portable computer, comprising:

- a remote expansion device removeably coupled to the portable computer;
- a removable connector array electrically coupled to the remote expansion device and including at least one peripheral component interconnect (PCI) interface port for coupling input/output devices to the portable computer via the remote expansion device; and

- a storage area located within the remote expansion device for mechanically storing the connector array within the storage area in a removable fashion.

Claims 10-20 (canceled)

Claim 21 (previously presented) The input/output device interface of claim 9, wherein the connector array is electrically coupled to an external power source.

Claim 22 (previously presented) The input/output device interface of claim 9, wherein the connector array includes an internal power source.

Claim 23 (previously presented) The input/output device interface of claim 9, further comprising an upgradeable module associated with the remote expansion device for allowing upgraded connector arrays to connect to the remote expansion device.

Claim 24 (previously presented) The input/output device interface of claim 23, wherein the upgradeable module associated with the remote expansion device is a

personal computer memory card association (PCMCIA) slot for accepting associated PC cards.

Claim 25 (previously presented) The input/output device interface of claim 24, wherein the PCMCIA slot accepts at least one of memory devices, mass storage devices, networking devices, wireless communication devices and consumer electronic devices.

Claim 26 (previously presented) The input/output device interface of claim 9, wherein the connector array is a port replicator that includes a personal computer memory card association (PCMCIA) slot for accepting associated PC cards.

Claim 27 (previously presented) The input/output device interface of claim 26, wherein the port replicator includes a portable network communications device.

Claim 28 (previously presented) The input/output device interface of claim 9, further comprising a strain relief joint at the electrical coupling between the connector array and the remote expansion device.

Claim 29 (previously presented) The input/output device interface of claim 9, wherein the removable connector array includes a personal computer memory card association (PCMCIA) slot that accepts PC cards that interface the portable computer with personal data assistant (PDA) devices.

Claim 30 (previously presented) The input/output device interface of claim 29, wherein the PCMCIA slot accepts PC cards that interface the portable computer with desktop computers for sharing data between the desktop computer and portable computer.

Claim 31 (previously presented) An interface device for a portable computer, comprising:

means for removeably coupling a remote expansion device to the portable computer;

means for electrically coupling a removable connector array to the remote expansion device;

means for coupling input/output devices to the portable computer via at least one peripheral component interconnect (PCI) interface port of the remote expansion device; and

means for mechanically storing the connector array within a storage area located within the remote expansion device in a removable fashion.

Claim 32 (previously presented) The interface device of claim 31, wherein the connector array is electrically coupled to an external power source.

Claim 33 (previously presented) The interface device of claim 32, wherein the connector array includes an internal power source.

Claim 34 (previously presented) The interface device of claim 31, further comprising an upgradeable module associated with the remote expansion device for allowing upgraded connector arrays to connect to the remote expansion device.

Claim 35 (previously presented) The interface device of claim 34, wherein the upgradeable module associated with the remote expansion device is a personal computer memory card association (PCMCIA) slot for accepting associated PC cards.

Claim 36 (previously presented) The interface device of claim 35, wherein the PCMCIA slot accepts at least one of memory devices, mass storage devices, networking devices, wireless communication devices and consumer electronic devices.

Claim 37 (previously presented) The interface device of claim 31, wherein the connector array is a port replicator that includes a personal computer memory card association (PCMCIA) slot for accepting associated PC cards.

Claim 38 (previously presented) The interface device of claim 37, wherein the port replicator includes a portable network communications device.

Claim 39 (previously presented) The interface device of claim 31, further comprising a strain relief joint at the electrical coupling between the connector array and the remote expansion device.

Claim 40 (previously presented) The interface device of claim 31, wherein the removable connector array includes a personal computer memory card association (PCMCIA) slot that accepts PC cards that interface the portable computer with personal data assistant (PDA) devices.

Claim 41 (previously presented) The interface device of claim 40, wherein the PCMCIA slot accepts PC cards that interface the portable computer with desktop computers for sharing data between the desktop computer and portable computer.